

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, April 25, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wender at 6:30 P.M.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by all.
3. Roll call was taken by County Clerk Dolly Cook and a quorum was present.

Present: Chairman Wender, Vice Chairman Smith and Commissioners Degenauer Jr., Martin and Stevens. (5)

Absent: (0)

Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Stephanie Brule, Sheriff Scott Celello, Equalization Director Larry Swartout and Controller Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to accept the agenda with the following additions:

7.A.3

Letter from the Carney Lake Association relative to a request for financial assistance with aquatic nuisance control. (Letter received after agendas were completed.)

7.C.1

Approve a request from the YMCA to pay Exede Corp. for 14 filter leafs with covers, as requested by Mark Blomquist, at a cost of \$5,269.60.

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve the following meeting minutes as written:

Regular Meeting - 4/11/11

Finance - 4/20/11

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

Commissioner Martin introduced the following students from Mr. Hogberg's Iron Mountain Government Class: Hayley Braun, Zak Blackmon, Nick White, Courtney Dykstra, Matt Schinderle, Chuck Harris, Celeste Butsic, Rachelle Wangerin and Casey Buckner.

A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)

1. Commissioner Wender opened the Public Hearing on an Application for Federal Assistance from the USDA - Rural Development for the purchase of a police vehicle and associated equipment at 6:38 P.M. Sheriff Celello stated we get 35% of the cost of the car. Controller Pascoe stated we would get \$8,000.

Barb Kramer addressed the Board. She stated the police cars are no longer going to be Crown Victorias.

Celello stated we have not purchased Crown Victorias for years. There was no other participation. Chairman Wender closed the public hearing at 6:40 P.M.

2. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time. Lucy Shampo, Iron Mountain, addressed the Board.

She stated the recycling of Paints and Hazardous materials is a weak link in Dickinson County. She stated they are only open one hour a month, the second Tuesday from 9:00A.M. to 10:00A.M. She asked is that responsible? She stated it should be open on a Saturday. She encouraged people to recycle and asked the County Board to do the same. Commissioner Stevens asked if the Board could mandate the hours? Pascoe stated there is an authority that handles those thing and we have one vote on the authority. Commissioner Wender stated this Board commends Lucy Shampo for all the work she has done for recycling over the years.

B. Resolutions and Legislation - Commissioner Martin - None

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

A. **Finance Committee** - Finance Chairman John Degenauer, Jr.

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to release the 2011

appropriation to the Hamilton Lakes Board in the amount of \$2,500. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr.	Aye	
Martin	Aye	
Smith	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize the Controller to attend the UP Administrators Meeting at the UPACC Spring Conference on May 6-7th in Brimley, MI at an approximate cost of \$260. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin	Aye	
Smith	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	
Degenauer Jr.	Aye	Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to approve an appropriation to the Carney Lake Association for milfoil treatment of \$1,000.00. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Smith	Aye	
Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	
Degenauer Jr.	Abstained.	
Martin	Aye	Motion Carried.

**B. A-95 Review - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report**

**C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA - Commissioner Frank Smith**

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve a request from the YMCA to pay Exede Corp. For 14 filter leafs with covers, as requested by Mark Blomquist, at a cost of \$5,269.60. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens	Aye	
Wender	Aye	
Degenauer Jr.,	Aye	
Martin	Aye	
Smith	Aye	Motion Carried.

**D. Six County Employment Alliance - Commissioner Frank Smith - No Report**

**E. Planning and Zoning Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens**

1. Conservation District meeting minutes of 3/15/11.

**F. DHS/Community Services Agencies - Commissioner Smith - No Report**

**G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department - Commissioner Smith**

2. D/I Health Dept. meeting minutes of 3/30/11.

**H. Northpointe - Commissioner Ann Martin - No Report**

**I. Pinecrest - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report**

**J. Equalization Committee - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr.**

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to accept the 2011 Equalization Report. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

Larry Swartout, Equalization Director, gave the equalization Report. He stated the equalized value has gone up from 1,660,000,000 to 1, 771,000,000. Commissioner Smith stated this is not a healthy growth at 1.24%. He (Swartout) stated personal property dropped from 173,000,000 to 167,000,000 and foreclosures are on the rise again according to Sheriff Celello.

**K. Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling- Commissioner Smith - No Report**

**L. Public Safety and Judiciary - Commissioner Henry Wender - No Report**

**M. Parks Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens**

1. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve a request from the Hamilton Lakes Association to use Lake Mary Park on Saturday, June 25, 2011 for their annual picnic at no charge to the Lake Association. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to accept the low bid of Morin Excavating in the amount of \$3,600 for the removal of leaves at Lake Antoine Park. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioners:

Wender Aye

Stevens Aye

Smith Aye

Martin Aye

Degenauer Jr. Aye Motion Carried

The bids received were as follows: Morin Excavating - \$3,600 and Lawn & Snow Outdoor Maintenance - 3,800.

**N. Airport Committee** - Commissioner Henry Wender - No Report

**O. Fair Board** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report

**P. Library Board** - Commissioner Ann Martin - No Report

**Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev.** - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

**R. Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Frank Smith

1. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to approve a motion to go into executive session to discuss trial or settlement options with the Board's attorney in the case of Dickinson County v. Taff. (2/3 majority required) at 6:55 P.M.. Roll Call Vote; Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr. Aye

Martin Aye

Smith Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to go back into regular session at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Martin Aye

Smith Aye

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr., Aye Motion Carried.

3. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to accept the recommendation as presented by the Case Evaluator in regards to Shelley Taff vs. Dickinson County. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Stevens Aye

Wender Aye

Degenauer Jr. Aye

Martin Aye

Smith Aye Motion Carried.

**S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee** - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

**T. Dickinson County Road Commission** - Commissioner Henry Wender

Chairman Wender noted that Tim Hammill was retiring and they will be having cake and coffee on Friday at the Road Commission. He stated Tim worked very well with the County. He stated he will be missed.

**U. Construction Code Commission** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report

**V Bay West Advisory Committee** - Ann Martin - No Report

8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person):

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Martin - None

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Martin

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Smith to authorize the use of the Courthouse Circuit Courtroom for a Town Hall Meeting with State Senator Tom Casperson on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

11. Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Martin to accept Committee Reports and Correspondence and Place on File. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

12. Controller’s Report.

Pascoe stated Ninomiya is working with 2 vendors for the digital court systems. She stated he has been working with a vendor and he is trying to work on the cost. She stated it should not be too long before we have a system installed.

13 Commissioners’ Personal Privilege.

Commissioner Martin explained the Commissioner Districts to the students and explained how things work. Commissioner Smith stated the Department of Human Services wrote a letter some time ago about their per diem appropriation. He stated they received another letter asking the Board to re-consider because their travel is almost gone.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr. to write a letter to the Department of Human Services explaining the Board’s Position on no more appropriation for travel.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Wender	Aye	
Stevens	Nay	
Smith	Aye	
Martin	Aye	
Degenauer Jr.	Aye	Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stevens stated he would like to look at the budget before deciding not to give any more. Commissioner Smith stated they don’t have much to do with the business. He stated they have a legal function because it is in the statute, but not a practical one.

Commissioner Smith suggested they have their meeting at the same time as the Pinecrest meeting and Pinecrest would pay for the meeting.

Chairman Wender asked the County Clerk about the Passport situation. County Clerk Dolly Cook explained that her Office would no longer be issuing passports as of May 1, 2011. She stated the Federal Agency stated we could not issue Birth Certificates and Passports from the same office. She stated they tried to use Register of Deeds as Passport Agents but we still could not follow the Federal Guidelines.

She explained the people will have to go to the Post Office. Commissioner Smith stated the Board should not approve the County Clerks Course of Action tonight. Commissioner Smith stated that a few weeks ago the Board was told that if they cut your office personnel to part time, then Passports would have to go. He asked does that mean someone in your Office is going Part Time? The County Clerk replied that is not quite what she said. She stated she did say if they cut her office she would not do passports because we would not have the time and we do not have to do them by statutes. She stated she also told them the Sheriff is adding lein work to the office. She stated she is not willing to be fined by the Federal Government.

Commissioner Wender asked if we had the title for Hanbury Lake and has it been turned over yet?

Pascoe stated they have not received the title from the DNR yet. He also asked who was going to the MMRA Training? Pascoe stated no one replied but she would send it out again.

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 7:20 P.M. Motion Carried.

<hr/> Henry Wender, Chairman	<hr/> Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk
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